

On the 100th Anniversary of World War I

The upcoming year presents a special opportunity for classrooms to reflect on the history and impacts of World War I. While mainstream media coverage has granted attention to the war's famous battles and grave sites dotting Europe and the United States, we encourage you to also explore with your students the narratives of those societies that fell within the colonial and/or imperial boundaries of the Central and Allied Powers.

Over the past ten months, Choices has produced three new curriculum units that speak to “other” perspectives from World War I.

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Empire, Republic, Democracy: A History of Turkey

This curriculum traces the end of the Ottoman Empire, the struggle for independence, and the birth of the Turkish Republic. Students explore Atatürk's sweeping reforms, the emergence of a multiparty democracy, a series of military coups, and the Kurdish conflict.



Indian Independence and the Question of Partition

Using primary sources and readings, students examine the era of British trade and rule in India, the rise of anti-colonial movements, and the political negotiations that led to the creation of India and Pakistan.



Colonization and Independence in Africa

Students explore the ways in which Africans experienced and responded to colonialism. They examine the topic broadly, as well as through four country case studies. A central activity uses primary sources to explore the contested nature of colonization.

More on World War I



To End All Wars: World War I and the League of Nations Debate

Students explore the causes and effects of World War I both domestically and abroad, the Paris Peace Conference, and the debate in the U.S. Senate about whether to join the League of Nations.



Between World Wars: FDR and the Age of Isolationism

Students consider the impact of World War I, the Great Depression, and the challenges to liberal democracy from international socialism and fascism. They recreate the debate in Congress over the Lend-Lease Act.



Weimar Germany and the Rise of Hitler

This unit challenges students to ponder one of the twentieth century's most troubling political legacies. Students explore why democracy failed to take root, and consider how the carefully crafted parliamentary system of the Weimar Republic led to the triumph of Nazism in Germany.

eText Classroom Editions

All of our curriculum units are available as an eText Classroom Edition. The PDF portfolio includes readings and student handouts that can be posted to a schools online learning management system.

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Video of the Week

Stephen Kinzer, a visiting fellow at Brown University, answers the question, *How was World War I a turning point for the Ottoman Empire?*

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